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for me that he is the fittest man for the post,
 but I know
 besides what a splendid man he is and what an
 able public
 official he has shown himself in all the
 positions he has
 held during these last years in the
 Philippines, in Wash-
 ington and in Cuba. I am sure that the United
 States will
 continue under his lead in the ways of
 progress and they
 will enter into a new era of prosperity, which
 has only
 lately been interrupted by one of these
 periods of depres-
 sion which occur in all countries and at all
 times. I further
 sincerely hope that the good relations between
 our two
 countries, which have made so much progress
 during your
 presidency, will not only continue, but still
 extend to the
 best of the two peoples.

I have heard from Consul General Biinz,
 who is going
 now as minister to Mexico, that you will, after
 your expedi-
 tion to Africa, come over to England and
 lecture at Oxford
 University. I should be very much pleased if we
 could meet
 somewhere and get personally acquainted.

Your desire to shoot in German East Africa
 has been
 made known to me and I assure you that every
 possible
 facility will be given to you during your stay on
 German
 territory, where you will find some of the best
 shooting
 grounds for big game.

With sincere wishes for the further welfare
 of your coun-
 try and your own, I am, my dear President,
 your sincere
 friend and admirer,

WILLIAM, I. E.

Donaueschingen,
 November 12th, 1908.

The President of the United States of
America.

To this the President replied:

(Original in President's handwriting)

THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON,

January 2,

1909.

My dear Emperor William:

Only a couple of days after I had written
you, your